

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on February 18, 2005 at 8 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)  
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)  
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 432, 2/16/2005, SB 463,  
2/16/2005, SB 450, 2/16/2005, SB  
438, 2/16/2005

Executive Action: None.

00:00:44

**HEARING ON SB 432**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SB 432**,  
Revise family education savings program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:22           **Rod Sunstead, Board of Regents**  
00:07:13           **Kala French, Board of Regents**  
00:08:09           **Megan Dumas, Associated Students of Montana State**  
                      **University**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:09:39

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:00           **Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue**  
00:19:18           **Jim McKeon, Department of Revenue**

**Closing by Sponsor:** None.

00:28:56

**HEARING ON SB 463**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30**, opened the hearing on **SB 463**,  
Eliminate local option vehicle tax and revise local option fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:33:33           **Harold Blattie, Montana Association of County**  
                      **Officers**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:37           **Brenda Nordlund, Department of Justice**

00:43:13

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:43\_\_\_\_\_

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:01

**HEARING ON SB 450**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R), SD 18**, opened the hearing on **SB 450**, Constitutionally limit property tax if sales tax adopted.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

00:52:20

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:01           **SEN. TOOLE** assumed the Chair.

00:53:15

**HEARING ON SB 438**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. JIM ELLIOTT (D), SD 7**, opened the hearing on **SB 438**, Allow county park boards to retain interest earnings on deposits.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:54:05

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:36

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:57           **SEN. ELLIOTT** resumed the Chair.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

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SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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